



Carolyn Joan Scruggs

May 16, 1946 - December 11, 2021

Carolyn J. Scruggs of Lenoir, N.C., passed away on December 11, 2021. She was born May 16, 1946, in Jacksonville, N.C., to Mary Polchik Sutherland and Morris Neal Sutherland.

She was preceded in death by her parents and devoted husband of 49 years, Mack Scruggs. She is survived by her sister, Peg Palisano (John) of Sewanee, TN; brother, James Neal Sutherland (Suzanne) of Durango, CO; and nephew, Eric James Sutherland.

Carolyn earned a B.A. degree from King College in Bristol, TN, and an M.A. degree from the University of Evansville, IN. After holding several career positions in municipal and association management, Carolyn accepted the directorship of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society in Charlotte, N.C., in 1985. As Executive Director she also supported the Mecklenburg County Dental and Pediatric societies. Carolyn also managed numerous physician-led public health services and association outreach activities for the Charlotte area. Carolyn and Mack were active supporters of Habitat for Humanity organizing and participating in many builds in the Charlotte area.

Upon her retirement in 2011, they moved to their home in Lenoir, N.C. Carolyn was an active member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, the Lenoir Womans Club, and Caldwell Memorial Hospital, serving on the hospital's

Board of Directors and worked at the gift shop as a volunteer for many years. Carolyn loved her friends, traveling, and visiting museums. She had a passion for history, especially the Civil War and World War II. She especially enjoyed workouts at the local gym, camping, reading and was an expert Sudoku puzzler. Carolyn loved being in her beautiful mountain home with her four cats.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at noon at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 328-B Woodsway Ln NW, Lenoir, NC 28645.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis of Assisi and the Caldwell County Humane Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **23**. 12:00 PM.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I saw the announcement of Carolyn's passing in the Mecklenburg Medicine. I have many fond memories of Carolyn over the decade or so working with her when I was active in the MCMS. The medical community of Mecklenburg County owes a great debt to Carolyn for her years of leadership at the MCMS, and the initiatives that live on as her legacy (Bioethics Resource Group, Hospitality House of Charlotte, Teen Health Connection, NC MedAssist, and Physicians Reach Out). I am proud to have been one of her Presidents, even though she made me play the piano with a sparkling tux jacket at my inaugural. Godspeed Carolyn.

Michael "Dr Mike" Miltich - February 12, 2022 at 10:07 AM

LG

“ I became acquainted with Carolyn in senior yoga at the Quest 4 Life Wellness Center in Lenoir, NC several years ago. I also knew her from volunteering at the hospital.



She and I took two outings - one to the Earl Scruggs Museum in Shelby, NC. We had a nice day, but it ended when Carolyn suddenly said that she had to go home to feed her cats. LOL. Some time later we toured the Art and History Museum in Blowing Rock, NC. I considered her a good friend, and will miss her greatly.

I am so sorry for your loss...

Linda Grandle - December 31, 2021 at 08:16 PM

JS

“ Carolyn came to Durango CO to visit during Christmas 5 years prior. My wife and I had planned a several months ago to come back out for Christmas. Jim and Suzanne



Jim Sutherland - December 19, 2021 at 12:12 PM

NC

“ Carolyn was such a delight as she supported the Medical Society ...and the Medical Alliance to the utmost. I loved being in the office with her whenever Alliance business took me there. All of us in the Alliance at that time were so grateful to her for her smile, her can-do stances, her analysis of situations and potentials. Many thanks to her family for sharing her with us! We are thinking of you and sharing in your loss. Nancy Carter

Nancy Carter - December 18, 2021 at 02:19 PM

SD

“ We are very sorry to learn this news and offer sincere sympathy to her family. She was so dedicated to her work with the Medical Alliance; always kind, patient and helpful. And that beautiful smile! She will be missed.

Sandy and Dr. David DuPuy

Sandy DuPuy - December 17, 2021 at 07:39 AM

JS

“ *Jim Sutherland lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Joan Scruggs*



Jim Sutherland - December 16, 2021 at 07:15 PM

JS

“ *I had such a wonderful time with Carolyn this October. Trip to Mt. Airy for the Autumn Leaves Festival!*



Jim Sutherland - December 16, 2021 at 07:14 PM